



## Poetry.

## I WILL NOT FORGET.

Sweet, the roses soon shall be  
Blooming now, my love for thee;  
Sweet, the birds will sing,  
And the bright torches!

Sweet, the clover tufts shall spread  
Pills for thy only heart;  
And the buttercups shall twine  
Garlands for the bough and mine.

Girl by lilies, white and gold,  
Still shall we joys unite,  
Living in love's bright bower,  
And the roses tell.

Lead and lily shall sleep to kiss  
Dawn into a perfect kiss;  
And the laurels, green and gold,  
Green shall be when love is old.

—John Ingolds.

## Selected Literature.

## A Family Affair.

By HENRY CONWAY, Author of "Called Back," Etc.

## CHAPTER I.

A LITTLE DISASTER.

It was a dreary, wintry afternoon. All the lights of Paddington Station were needed to conquer the damp fog which filled the arched expanse from end to end. The busy and turbulent scene upon the platform and roundabout upon the appearance of a train. The newspaper boys alone were having a comparatively dull time of it, as the first act of every passenger, upon taking his seat, was to pull up the window, and shut out as much fog as possible, declining to let the sun do it for anyone except those who claimed their rights to seat in the train—a proceeding which to the first installed passenger, always seemed a supreme safety. The new-comer, or comers, might choose some other compartment than his!

The moving train which was to bring him to his permanent home of the train. The strong-armed official below hurried the last crystal globe to the nimble official who runs along the top of the carriages, and leaps so recklessly from one to another, Deft as an Indian juggler, he caught the gleaming missile, slipped it into the lace socket, and sprung innocently from the air. The train moved on. The door had last door, which somebody's carelessness had left open, jumped in his van as it swept by him, and, penitent to the minute, the five o'clock train left London, and began its race to Penzance.

In one of the first class compartments were three passengers, although the extent of two fares: one of these passengers being a child still young enough to be passed off as a child in arms by all, save, perhaps, those tender-minded persons who send conscience-money to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The two travellers who augmented the company's revenue were a man and a woman.

That they were strangers was evident, and it was also evident that the man was an old traveller. As soon as the truth was in motion, and he felt insured for some time to come against disturbance, he arranged his wraps in the most approved fashion: down went a cap, lit a lamp, and then he cast a look at the woman, but as he appears in this tale only to disappear, a detailed description would be superfluous. It is enough to know he was a gentleman, well dressed, well-to-do in appearance, and looked quite in his proper place in a first-class carriage.

He was a man of the world, with the woman. There was no obvious reason why she should not be able and willing to pay three-pence-half-penny instead of a penny a mile for the privilege of being whisked to her destination; yet one could imagine a crusty old director, who travels free himself, and is therefore anxious to prevent the company from being defrauded, calling to the woman, "I assure you that the woman's ticket should be stamped. Out purely by benevolent reasons, a person who knows what mistakes women make in such matters, might, with propriety, have remarked, 'How comfortable these first class carriages are.' For my part, I should most certainly have done so—not from benevolence, but to save myself, who have paid just fares, from feeling swindled, if at the journey's end, a good-natured ticket-collector left off the victim of such a comforatable mistake."

Yet there was nothing remarkable in the woman's appearance, except the utter absence of individuality it displayed. For any man who looks gave, she might have been rich or poor, young or old, beautiful or ugly, noble or simple. Had her travelling companion been as curious as he was at present indignant about the matter, he might have sat opposite to her from London to Land's End, yet not have known how to classify her. She was dressed in black and black, like charity and right, except that she had much. No scrap of bright ribbon, no velvet or color, broke the sombre monotony of her attire, and a thick black veil hid the upper part of her face. She sat like one in a thoughtful frame of mind. Her head was bent forward, and so threw her mouth and chin into shadow. Her hands being gloved, it was not possible to know whether she wore a wedding ring or not.

Of the child, a little boy, there was nothing that could be seen except a mass of bright golden hair. The woman had wound a thick woolen shawl around him, and held him close to her bosom. He was no annoyance to anyone, and shortly after the train started he fell asleep. The two travellers were his travelling companions, that the gentleman, who had felt somewhat disgruntled when a woman and a child entered his compartment, had no time to feel bad after that, as he need not shift his quarters at the first stoppage.

The train sped on through the white fog. It was a fast train, but not so fast as to give itself airs and decline stopping more than twice in a hundred miles. Near Reading the train slackened. The gentleman with the look of a hawk, who had been waiting for the child to run away, had taken his bok, pressed her lips upon the child's golden head, and kept them there until the train stopped. For a minute or two she remained motionless, then, laying the child on the seat, rose quickly and opened the door of the compartment. The reader looked up as the cold, damp air rushed into the heated compartments.

"You have no time to get out," he said, "and not half a minute."

He said this well enough, but he paid no heed to it. She made no response, but, stepping on to the platform, closed the carriage door behind her. The young man shrugged his shoulders, and resumed his seat, and the two travellers were not disturbed. The train moved on.

Although, two minutes afterwards, when he found the train in rapid motion, and himself and the sleeping child the only occupants of the compartment, he saw that, after all, he was primarily concerned in the mat-

ter. In spite of his warning, the mother had been left behind, and he was in the unenviable position of having a child thrown upon his hands until the next stoppage.

Although he was a bachelor, and one who knew nothing of the ways of children, he had a few words to say to the young girl's ear. Swindon would be reached in less than an hour—there he would be relieved. So he could do no more than anaesthetise the careless mother, and pray for the rest of the day. The young girl of broken. Whatever effect the objection may have had, he soon saw that his prayer would not be granted. The child, no doubt missing its protector's close embrace, opened its eyes and began to struggle. The woman, who had been a good-natured, kind, hearted young fellow, picked it up and transferred it to his knee.

He meant was, although he did not have it very skilfully. A man must go through a course of painful experiences before he learns to handle a baby properly, and he had little time to learn. The child was soon discharged. The second rested chiefly with his children. He did not tell them this in definite words, but all the same preached it to them more eloquently, and was more than content, and felt that the fruits of his training were showing themselves in the character of his wife and his sons. The wife, a daughter of Martin Shaw, a fair, friendly and intelligent.

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## NEWS CONDENSED.

Mahone was defeated for the Virginia Senate.

Mr. Webster has been elected mayor of Worcester.

John A. Macdonald's health has been greatly impaired by his trip to England.

Gen. Robert Toombs, a Georgia state of the Union, has been elected to the Senate.

A syndicate of English capitalists are said to have purchased the Napane Glass Works with the object of greatly extending them.

The election for King's County, New Brunswick, was won by Mr. Edward A. Macdonald, who was elected to the Legislature.

A heavy snow storm prevailed throughout Michian and Illinois on Saturday last night, and has been followed by a severe cold wave.

Two companies, comprising 88 men of the 87th Connecticut, have received orders to march to New Haven, Conn., to assist in the defense of New Haven.

The Cleveland Free Trade says:

"The winter has been cold, but the past year has been a good one."

While Elijah Abram, an Indian, was working on the farm of R. L. Ward, of S. W. Wood, near Frelon, he cut down a tree in the centre of the trunk of which he found a nest containing a dozen eggs.

The Indians are said to have been

dislodged in time.

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The People Refuse to Hear Professional Agitators.

Trouble at a Rickett Meeting.

Twenty Thousand Christians Massacred and Their Property Destroyed.

Rome, Dec. 15.—The college of the propagandists announces that up to now, in the vicariate of Quebec, there have been 20,000 Christians massacred and their property destroyed.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The 27th anniversary of the massacre of the Chinese in California.

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## THE RIEL QUESTION.

Mr. J. Curran, M. P., Addresses a Letter to the "Record."

## THE IRISH NOT INTERESTED.

The following letter addressed by Mr. J. Curran, M. P., to the *Catholic Record*, of London, appears in that journal of this week:—

To the Editor of the *Catholic Record*:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Owing to the wide-spread influence of the paper and the stand you have taken thereon on the Riel question, now fraught with so much interest to the Dominion as a whole, to the French-Canadian people who are now being fêted on the subject by political agitators and to the Irish Catholics of Canada, whom it is sought to embroil in it, I deem it incumbent upon me to address you these few lines. I do not propose to discuss the whole question; that is unnecessary at present, and, if need be, I will have an opportunity of doing so in the course of my speech. I propose now to deal with the attitude you have assumed and the reasons you have given therefor. The Irish Catholics of the Dominion have been appealed to by the French-Canadian and other agitators to make common cause with them in denouncing the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald. In your editorial of the 28th ult., you paid a hearty and gave the answer following:—

"What then, should be the precise position of Irish Catholics in this crisis? They should not, in our estimation, take part in or encourage illegal or violent manifestations of any kind calculated to incite class against class or race against race. They should not express admiration for rebels, or rejoice over the fall of the rebels who were mostly Catholics and the rebellion led by Catholics, nominal or otherwise. They must not forget that the Catholic Church, as an organization, was a heavy loss by Riel's uprising—priests murdered; missions laid waste; faithful and clergy dispersed."

That is pretty plain; I shall not attempt to add to it my vigor, although in all justice some addition might well be made owing to the facts of the case, which, though authentic documents, will be more widely known in a few days than they now are. As you have put it, however, this is no case in itself; it is the loss of Irish Catholic sympathy. Priests murdered, nuns hunted by savages, missions laid waste, faithful and clergy dispersed, etc., etc., all these things are not calculated to induce our people to rank their author as a hero or a martyr, to assign him a place on the roll of fame alongside of Emmet, or to give him the blasphemous eminence which the Hon. Mr. Mercier, leader of the Rouge party in this province, deemed fit to occupy. I refrain from putting his words in writing.

Taking your own statement as the criterion, Riel merited his fate, nevertheless you speak of him as "a victim." You think he deserves the sympathy of the French-Canadian people, yet Fathers André, Trousse, Moulin, Fourmond, Vegreville and Leocq, writing a joint letter to the French-Canadian members of the Dominion, at Duck Lake, the 13th of June last, said: "We, the priests of the districts particularly affected by the rebellion, via: St. Laurent, St. Antoine, Grandin, Duck Lake and Batoche, since it is in the midst of our people that Louis 'David' Riel had established his head-quarters, desire to draw the attention of our fellow countrymen to the facts of the case."

Louis 'David' Riel no longer deserves the sympathies of the Roman Catholic Church nor of the members of that church, having usurped our mission as priests and deprived our people of the consolations we might have afforded them. He acted purely in his own personal interest!"

Exactly at what point is the sympathy of the French-Canadian to any origin to come in for this self-accuser?

In so far as the French Canadians are concerned and the Irish Catholic allies whom you seek to gain for them, you answer the question in the same article as follows:

"They seek, by means just and fair, the vindication of their race, so foully wronged by the killing of Riel because his death had been decreed in the secrecy of Orange lodges."

I have already pointed out that you admit Riel deserved the extreme penalty for his crimes. He was not, therefore, killed as you too forcibly put it. You allege that he was hanged because he was generally sent forth from the Orange lodges. If this was the case Canada could not be a fit place to live in. I consider that allegation utterly unfounded in fact, mischievous in the extreme and capable of working incalculable harm in our Canadian Dominion.

Granted that certain ladies did go so far as to demand his execution. Granted that certain preachers in bloodthirsty outpourings may have called upon the Government to hang Riel. All this was cruel and disgraceful. In ordinary cases, almost any citizen will sign a petition for clemency to offenders. We hear of philanthropic persons begging mercy for the most hardened criminals.

It remained for the Black Watch of Peterborough and minister of the gospel forsooth to clamor for a man's blood. And you believe that their representations to the Cabinet had the effect of ensuring Riel's execution? What does such a statement imply? That a Government containing six Catholics, three of them French-Canadians, two Irish Catholics, and one a distinguished member of our church from the province of Nova Scotia, our representatives were so terrorized by Orange influence that they steeped their hands in the blood of one of their fellow creatures. Any one of the French-Canadian members of the Government who would have resigned on this question must have placed himself, by that simple act, in the list of his fellow-countrymen in the Dominion. The members of the Irish Catholic members who, in honor of his resignation, would have declared that he did so because a man was being doomed by Orange influence, would have had the whole of our people at his back, without exception.

It was not, therefore, for the sake of clemency that the ministers referred to remained in office. What was the sake of clemency?

Let us suppose for one moment that the minds of five Catholic ministers could be so depraved, that their hearts were so craven, that their love of the miserable \$7,000 per annum was so overpowering. What about the Hon. Frank Smith? He has no salary. He would not accept one. He is jointly responsible for the loss of thousands of his colleagues for this act, and you can imagine that he believes that for the sole purpose of gratifying Orange lodges he consented to cover his name with infamy and to blast for ever a well earned reputation for consistent courage and unswerving fidelity to his people. Such a pretension cannot hold. If you believe anything of the kind come and look in a year's journal; state that we have not been beaten in battles heretofore waged for Catholic representation in the Cabinet, that the presence of Catholics, Irish or French, in the Government has been a delusion and a snare, resulting in greater humiliation than ever could have overtaken us were we absolutely beaten. The only possible conclusion is that Riel's fate was sealed. We must seek elsewhere for the solution of the problem. Allow me for a moment, to direct your attention to the articles of the *Toronto Globe* on this question, from the day the indictment was framed at Regina (begin then, it will be instructive) until the unfortunate man's fate was sealed. Let us cast a glance over kindred sheets published in the Reform in-

terms and what do we find? So unpractical, so incommodious, so dispensable was the conduct of these newspapers, that the *Montreal Witness*, personally and politically opposed to the Dominion Premier, opposed to his fiscal policy, to his railway policy, and to every measure that he has inaugurated within my memory, felt it constrained to publish the following on 13th August last:—"It is time to take a stand. The Government in any position is bound to do a master in which seems to be the object of some to embrace it." Again on the 11th September:—"So much has been done to embarrass the Government, and its position has been rendered so difficult, that we have already stated our intention to support it in whatever course it feels called upon to take." These statements so thoroughly argue the ire of the Grits against their own leaders.

On the 17th September:—"The Government and its supporters, to take their stand, in reply to their ravings and partisanship, the *Witness*, on the 17th September, administered the following rebuke:

"There are journals so destitute of either heart or conscience as to be able to treat a question of life or death to a human being simply and solely as an opportunity for the manufacture of political capital. These journals, before the Government of a day, when they were politically exposed, between the horns of a dilemma with regard to the execution of Riel, are anxious

to keep themselves free to impale the Government upon whatever horn its action may throw it against. There plan is to embarrass the Government and to force upon it attention those considerations of political exigency which it is the Government's duty to consider in the formation of its policy and decision. The execution of Riel's execution was one of conscience or of heart with them they would be found either opposing or advocating its execution. The only alternative for a conscientious journal is to seek to leave the Government as free from embarrassment as possible in order that its decisions may be made on the highest grounds. They claim none of these courses. One day they will show that the Catholic Church, as an organization, was a heavy loss by Riel's uprising—priests murdered; missions laid waste; faithful and clergy dispersed."

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